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Date: 10/10/03
Re: Preliminary Examination of PCT/US 02/11863;
Appl. Ser No. 09/845,359 and 10/125,438

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Comments:

Dear Examiner Manoharan:

Thank you for returning my telephone call yesterday while you were on vacation and agreeing to review PCT application PCT/US 02/11863 and committing to preparing and faxing me a Preliminary Examination Report next week. I will note that I did file two sets of claim amendments, one on November 21, 2002 and one on April 17, 2003. If you do not have both of the claim amendment sets please call me and I will fax them to you.

For your convenience you may want to also take a look at the two related US applications, Appl. Ser No. 09/845,359 and 10/125,438, with the PCT application. The PCT application is the culmination of the two US patent applications in disclosure and claims and serial no. 10/125,438 was filed during April 2002 and is therefore coming due for examination. Examining these three applications at or about at the same time would likely be very efficient for you and would very much help my client, the assignee SolAqua, with their foreign filing decisions.

October 10, 2003

SolAqua is a very small company in the process of trying to raise funding and very much needs a high quality and timely examination of these three patent applications. SolAqua cannot afford to spend significant amounts of money for filing patent applications in many countries, only to find out subsequently that the claimed invention can not be patented due to prior art. On the other hand, it would be disastrous for SolAqua to not file in foreign countries to find out after the 30 month or 31 month time frame in the PCT process, if indeed the prior art does not teach or suggest the claimed invention. Therefore, I respectfully request that you do your best and to please call me if I can be of any assistance; for example, to explain anything about the invention, claims, and/or disclosure, and if you can help me better understand any reservations you may have about noting that one or more of the claims do not read on the prior art. I would be very happy to meet with you in person for an Examiner Interview.

Sincerely,



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